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The Service Employees International Union (SEIU) wishes to express its unqualified support for the thoughtful and balanced approach defined in the Notice of Propose Rulemaking entitled, "Use of Ozone-Depleting Substances; Essential Use Determinations," dated September 1, 1999 (Docket No. 97N-0023).

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For the past several years, we have closely monitored the Agency's efforts to reconcile the need to protect the ozone layer with the legitimate need of patients requiring metered dose inhalers. We congratulate you for responding to the concerns expressed by SEIU and so many others related to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The approach you now propose corrects the obvious deficiencies in the ANPR and will protect both patients and the environment.

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